

MILLWOOD STATE PARK

This 824-acre park is located on Millwood Lake, a 29,500-acre fishing hotspot known nationwide. Boat lanes lead fishermen through the submerged timber to the marshes and oxbow lakes within Millwood. The diversity between the lake and the hills which surround it provides a wide variety of fish and wildlife habitat.

Famous for its bass tournaments, the reservoir abounds in largemouth, or black bass. Many trophy fish of over 10 pounds have been recorded, and 4 and 5 pound catches are common. A special bass management plan has been in effect for several years, and has succeeded in building the population of bass up to the point where even a novice bass angler can have success. During the spring and fall, Millwood offers some of the best crappie fishing in Arkansas, and summer provides excellent catfish and bream fishing. Just beyond the park, the lake empties into the Little River. When the spillway gates are open, fishermen cast for striped bass of up to 30 pounds with heavy deep sea fishing rigs or try their luck for the unusual spoon-billed catfish.



Interpretive Programs ♦ With the diverse habitat and opportunities to view nature, Millwood State Park is an excellent source of environmental education. A Park Naturalist is available seasonally to provide tours, demonstrations, and other programs. In addition, several special events are held throughout the year. Contact the park for more detailed information about these seasonal activities.

Trails ♦ **Waterfowl Way**, a 1-1/2 mile self-guided hiking trail, provides an ideal setting for a casual walk through portions of over 600 acres of wildlife sanctuary. This short trail is a clear, level path that will be a pleasure to young or old. Birdwatchers will find the

number of species unequalled by any other site in the area. Bald Eagles winter here and are often sighted from December through February. The fall brings mallards, canvasbacks, ringneck and other ducks while the great blue heron is present year-round. Special blinds are located along Waterfowl Way for better viewing and photographing the birds and wildlife.

Wildlife Lane is a 4 mile hiking and wilderness bicycle trail. Winding through low land bottoms and along the edge of Millwood Lake, this trail provides an opportunity to explore the area and observe plants and wildlife in their natural environment. One of the coves along the trail is home to an active beaver lodge. A quiet walk offers the hiker a chance to spot these secretive animals as they swim in the early morning or evening hours. A common but seldom seen inhabitant of Millwood Lake is the American Alligator. They emerge from hibernation in April or May, and have been sighted in the secluded swampy areas along Wildlife Lane. Common trail etiquette and good common sense dictates that alligators always have the right of way when happened upon. It is not necessary, though, to hike a trail to see wildlife at Millwood. Often on a quiet night, white-tailed deer and fox move right through the campgrounds.

While visiting Millwood State Park, take time to visit nearby Old Washington Historic State Park, Arkansas' Confederate state capitol. There you can tour historic homes and inns once visited by Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, and General Sam Houston. Only 40 miles from Millwood is Crater of Diamonds State Park, the only diamond field in North America open to the public. More than 600 diamonds are collected each year, and you can keep any you find!

FACILITIES

Camping ♦ Nestled in the mixed pine and hardwood forest along the banks of Millwood Lake, 113 campsites with water and electric hookups offer a pleasant camping experience year-round. Always a popular campground for the spring and fall fishing season and the summer family vacation, Millwood is becoming a favorite for those seeking the beauty and solitude of winter camping. Each site has a picnic table and grill, and modern bathhouse with hot showers are located throughout the campgrounds. Campsites with no hookups are available for those who prefer more primitive camping. A trailer sanitary station is nearby.

Marina ♦ A full-service marina is located within a short walk of the campgrounds. Check with the marina operator for tips on locating and landing some of the record "lunkers" brought into this popular floating store. Camping and picnicking supplies, resident and non-resident fishing licenses, artificial and live bait are available. Shoppers can also choose from a selection of T-shirts and other souvenirs. Flat bottom boats, canoes and pedal boats are available for rent. Covered slips may be rented at the marina for private boats. (Note: the marina is closed mid-November and opens in March.)

Pavilion ♦ Adjacent to the park marina is a large pavilion. This covered picnic shelter features electrical outlets, lights, tables and a large grill. Check at the park office for information concerning rates and reservations.

NOTE: Campers must register at the Visitor Center before occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability.

LOCATION

From I-30 at Texarkana, take U.S. 71 just 19 miles north to Ashdown, then 9 miles east on Hwy. 32 (Visitor Center on left before you get to dam and levee). If traveling west from Saratoga, go 9 miles, cross the dam and levee (3 1/3 miles) to park entrance.

For further information on park hours, fees, or activities, contact:

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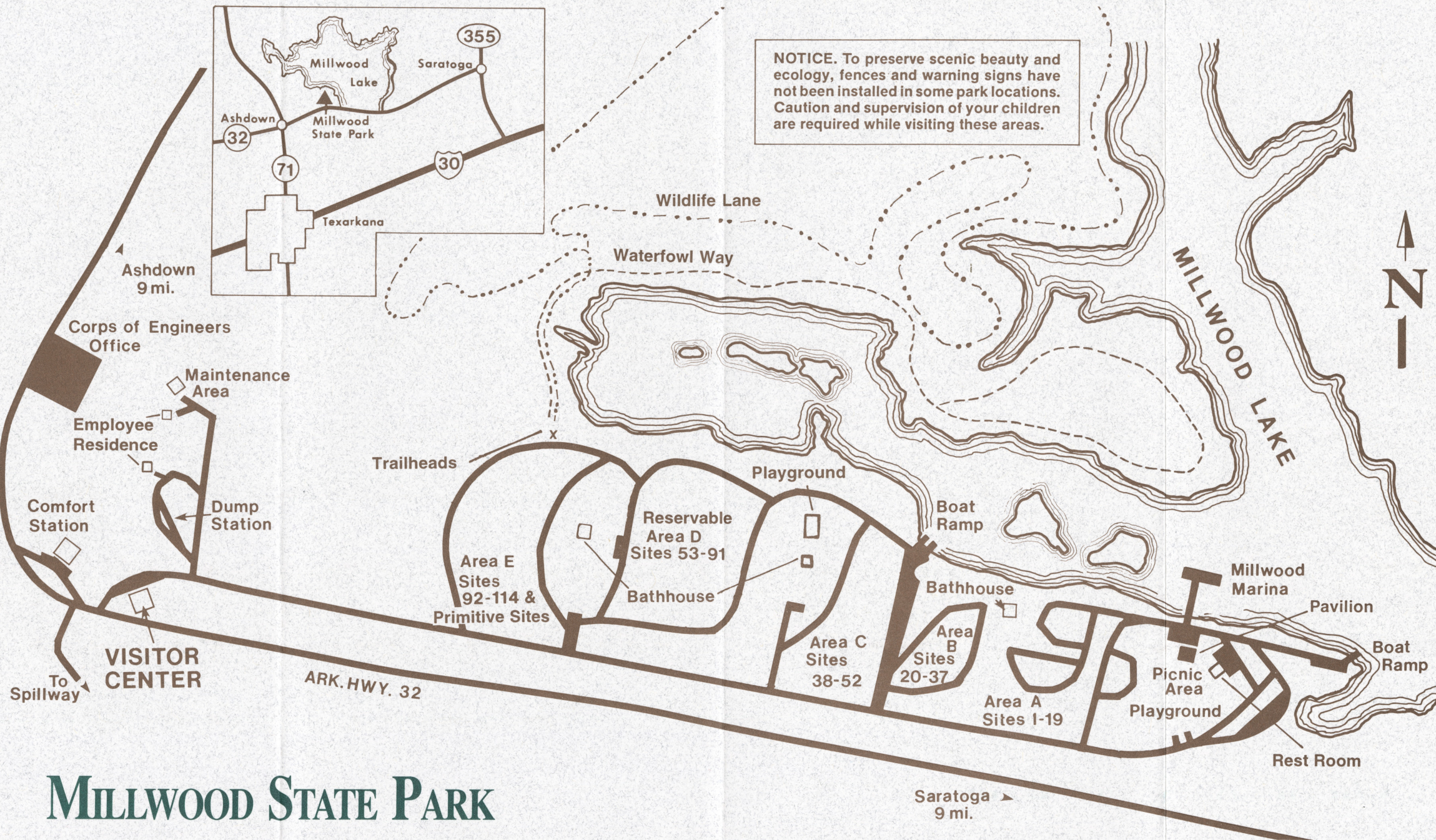
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